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TAGS: CDES, AF (CHILDS, HERBERT C., JR.)

SUBJ: HERBERT CHILDS (DECEASED)

REF: STATE 220189

1. AUTOPSY COMPLETED SATURDAY, OCT. 5, 1974, AND BODY RELEASED TO EMBASSY. DR. ABDUL ZAHOOR PARWANI, PROFESSOR AT KABUL UNIVERSITY MEDICAL FACULTY WHO DID AUTOPSY, INFORMED EMBASSY THAT RESULTS OF AUTOPSY STILL NOT OFFICIAL PENDING ANALYSIS OF TISSUES. ACCORDING DR. PARWANI CHILDS DID NOT SUFFOCATE, AND DEATH POSSIBLY DUE TO FOOD POISONING.

2. DR. PARWANI, WHO DOES AUTOPSIES AT REQUEST AFGHAN AUTHORITIES OR FOREIGN EMBASSIES, IS ALSO ONLY PERSON IN AFGHANISTAN WHO EMBALMS BODIES. HE INFORMED EMBASSY FOLLOWING AUTOPSY THAT CHILDS' BODY WAS DECOMPOSED TO POINT THAT EMBALMING AND INTERNATIONAL SHIPMENT IS IMPOSSIBLE. THEREFORE, ONLY ALTERNATIVES ARE LOCAL BURIAL OR CREMATION FOLLOWED BY EITHER SHIPMENT OF ASHES OR LOCAL DISPOSITION OF ASHES. REQUEST DEPARTMENT NOTIFY ROBERT KOVEY, KOVEY AND ALLEN FUNERAL HOME, WILMINGTON, VERMONT, TEL.(464-3782, AND/OR FAMILY. EMBASSY WILL AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM FUNERAL DIRECTOR OR FAMILY.
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